

Montana Newsletter

Montana State Library

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News UPDATE

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PERSONAL NOTES

Cliff J. Bower is the new Library Director at the Montana Tech of the University of Montana.

MONTANA NEWS

III. WILLIAM K. KOHRS MEMORIAL LIBRARY has been awarded grants of \$50,000 from the Steele Reese Foundation and \$5,000 from the Max and Victoria Dreyfus Foundation for its \$362,500 access, expansion, and renovation project. Volunteers have raised over \$352,000 in three years, including a \$95,000 LSCA grant this year and over \$100,000 locally to renovate the library.

FEDERATION COORDINATORS REPORT TO STATE LIBRARY COMMISSION:

The Coordinators met August 8 and elected Delores DeMorchas as spokesperson for the coming year. They also reappointed Debbie Schlesinger to another year term as Federation representative to the LSCA Advisory Council.

They urged the Commission to consider the response of the library community to the proposed changes to the Federations. Questions were raised about the depth of support from other library constituencies such as academic and school libraries since no letters had yet forthcoming from these groups.

The Coordinators asked that the Commission clarify both the charge to the task forces and the confusion between the role of task force members and the proposed districts. There is particular confusion about statewide versus local control and policies.

Butte Federated: Verna Nichola is the new Librarian at Belt Public Library. The Glacier County Library's budget was cut \$75,000. The Great Falls Public Library was awarded \$63,000 for ADA improvements. The Prairie City County Library received a \$29,000 grant for literacy programming. They plan to set up mobile recruitment centers in different areas around Havre. A coordinator will be hired.

South Central Federation: A decision has been made in Lewistown by an arbitrator on the suit of the former library director. His claim was not upheld. The Library Board hired Janice Bradley to be the new Library Director at Lewistown Public Library.

The Last Copy Fiction Pool holdings at

Parilly Billings Library will be loaded on the Dynix system.

Tamarack Federation: The Friends of the Missoula Public Library have purchased a satellite dish for them. They plan to host video continuing education programs for library staff and trustees.

STATE LIBRARY: On August 24, 1994 the recently remodeled recording studios were dedicated at the Montana Talking Book Library. Governor Marc Racicot and Bill West, Audio Book Specialist from the Library of Congress National Library for the Blind and Physically Handicapped in Washington, D.C. were the featured speakers. Mr. West designed the studios and acted as a consultant during the construction. Diana Boom and Peggy Guthrie attended representing the Commission. The entire cost of project was supplied from a donation made by the Hazel Chamberlain Trust.

The studios are used to record books about Montana and by Montana authors. There is also a recording program at the Montana State Prison where 16 inmates record 'Montana' books. A total of 306 books have been recorded under the two programs since 1981.

The October 18th Commission retreat has been canceled. The regular meeting set for October 19th, originally scheduled in Choteau, will be held at the State Library. A Commission retreat is tentatively scheduled in conjunction with the February Commission meeting.

ILL reimbursements per MCA 22-1-328 were distributed in August for the final quarter of FY94. The reimbursement rate was adjusted to \$3.7571 per transaction based on the number of requests received. The rate of reimbursement for the first three quarters of FY94 will be \$3.90 per transaction.

The State Library Commission took action in August to approve the LSCA FY94 Update to the Long Range Program and the Annual Program. They approved priorities for FY96 LSCA grants, accepting these motions from the Library Services Advisory Council.

- Commit FY96 LSCA funds to make Internet, electronic and technological access available to all Montana libraries.
- The priority for FY96 Title I and III LSCA funding be technological access.
- The priority for FY96 Title II LSCA funds will be \$100,000 devoted to construction, and for all remaining and/or carryover funds the priority will be technological access.

They also approved a three year contract for the LSCA process designed by staff to bring all LSCA related planning and reporting into proper timeframes.

The Statewide Collection Development Committee has established its priorities for FY95. They will distribute a two page guide to libraries next month about making good selection decisions on what resources to list on a shared database. A second goal is to draft criteria for a Montana Collection Development Honor Roll to recognize those libraries which are contributing to the statewide database. Other committee projects include gathering data on the unique and unstataloged materials available in Montana, and analyzing information already available about Montana's collections and preparing a State of the State's Collection report, which will be presented to the State Library Commission in February.

Barbara Brazington was hired as a full time Reference Librarian. She began work on June 27, 1994.

The 1995 Family Reading Program committee has been established. Members are June Atkins, Barbara Bruno, Nancy DeBarthly, Carolyn Meier, Phyllis Mitchell, Sheldene Seidel, Connie Thompson, Marilyn Trosper, and Gray Walter.

MAILS TO LIBRARIES: All public libraries in the U.S. received a boxed collection of publications related to the Americans with Disabilities Act [ADA], provided under a joint project of the Chief Officers of State Library Agencies [COSLA] and the U.S. Department of Justice.

Researchers at the Rural Institute on Disabilities located on the University of Montana campus have developed a collection called "Get the Whole Story." It is 40 books and magazines that can answer a wide spectrum of questions about disability. The collection costs about \$500. It contains the most up-to-date information. So far, the books have been placed in Miles City, Havre, and Plains. Contact Ann Szalda-Petree at the Rural Institute [406]243-5467 for a list of books and funding suggestions.

The State Agency Librarians Round Table produced a report entitled, "Electronic Information Access: Montana's Gateway to the Future," which was mailed to all Montana academic libraries, to public library headquarters, and to all candidates and incumbents for the State Legislature. The Montana Health Care Authority reports that it distributed the updated and revised discussion draft of its publication, Statewide Universal

Access Plans for Single-User
Access to Multiple-User System to
 Montana. Finally, copies of the full
 text of the Task Force to Review
 recommendations were sent to all public
 libraries. The Task Force recommendations for
 libraries include working with libraries
 on economic development, and a
 representative of the State
 Commission.

NATIONAL NEWS

LIBRARY JOURNAL publishes an architectural
 section. They need information
 on construction projects by October 3rd
 for inclusion in this publication. If you had
 a new library or library facility built in one of
 the categories, please contact Mary Jane
 at 414-3351 by September 27th.

Library construction that was completed
 between July 1, 1993 and the present.

Public referendum for the purpose of
 raising capital improvements for a public
 library building between July 1, 1993 and
 June 30, 1994.

Public referendum for the purpose of
 funding the operation of a public library
 between July 1, 1993 and June 30, 1994.

THE PARTNERS IN PREVENTION

PROGRAM from the National Clearinghouse
 for Alcohol and Drug Information is offering
 to loan these prevention information to
 all public library patrons across the nation.
 Each center must maintain an ongoing display
 in a permanent shelf with prevention materials.
 Loans can be obtained free from the
 Clearinghouse. Contact: Patricia Scott, Senior
 Marketing Specialist, 1-800-729-6656.

CASAP IN CYBERSPACE. Alcohol, tobacco
 and other drug prevention resources are now
 available electronically. With a computer,
 modem and a phone line, the public can now
 access the resources of the Center for
 Alcoholism Abuse Prevention's [CASAP] National

Clearinghouse for Alcohol and Drug
 Information. Instant access is available through
 PIRI Vline [PRI Vention on line], an electronic
 communication system dedicated to exchanging
 ideas and information concerning alcohol
 tobacco, and other drug problem prevention.

PIRI Vline can be accessed via the Internet
 (path telnet: ncadd.health.org) then press the
 enter key User id: new, or by direct dial up
 (telephone: [800]770-0850, User id: new).
 Access is available from almost anywhere in the
 world, 24 hours a day.

AWARDS AND GRANTS

PLA AWARDS The Public Library Association
 [PLA] has awards and opportunities to honor
 public librarians and public libraries - for their
 outstanding achievements. The application
 deadline is December 1, 1994. Awards include:

- Advancement of Literacy Award
- Allie Beth Martin Award
- Excellence in Small and/or Rural Public
 Library Service Award
- Leonard Wertheimer Multilingual Award
- Library Video Award
- National Achievement Citation
- New Leaders Travel Grant

Contact: Don Wood, Award Committees Staff
 Liaison, PLA 1-800-545-2433x5027.

NOMINATIONS are being sought by the
 Graduate School of Library and Information
 Science at the University of Illinois at Urbana-
 Champaign for the 1994 Robert B. Downs
 Intellectual Freedom Award. The award
 acknowledges individuals or groups which have
 furthered the cause of intellectual freedom,
 particularly as it impacts libraries and
 information centers and the dissemination of
 ideas. The award may be in recognition of a
 particular action or long-term interest in, and
 dedication to, the cause of intellectual freedom.

Letters of nomination and documentation
 about the nominee should be sent by October
 1, 1994 to Dean Leigh Estabrook, Graduate
 School of Library and Information Science,

University of Illinois at Urbana-Champaign, 501
 E. Daniel Street, Champaign, IL 61820.
 Electronic submissions or inquiries may be sent
 to rlbdowns@uiuc.edu.

CALENDAR

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| Sept 24 | Broad Valley Federation Meeting in
Drummond |
| Sept 25 | Oct 2 Banned Books Week |
| Sept 30 | Oct 1 MIA Academic and Special
Libraries Retreat |
| Oct 5 | Glendale Collection Assessment
Workshop |
| Oct 7 | Tamarack Federation Meeting in
Kalispell |
| Oct 7 | Bilings Collection Assessment
Workshop |
| Oct 13 | Sagebrush Federation Meeting in
Miles City |
| Oct 14 | Born to Read application deadline |
| Oct 15-18 | COST A and Western Council
meetings - Oklahoma City |
| Oct 19 | State Library Commission - Helena |
| Oct 27 | Pathfinder Federation Meeting in
Great Falls |
| Oct 27-30 | Joint Mountain Plains Nevada
Library Association Conference in
Lake Tahoe Nevada. Contact:
Sharon Scott at 702-784-4878 |
| Nov 3-4 | SLA's State-of-the-Art Institute -
"A New Frontier: the National
Information Infrastructure," in
Washington D.C. focusing on such
issues as federal legislation,
regulatory developments, business
initiatives, and technological
innovations. Call [202]234-4700x616 |
| Nov 9-13 | American Association of School
Librarians Seventh National
Conference "Shape the Vision
Focus on Learning." Call [800]515-
2433x4389 |
| Nov 12 | Night of 100 Dinners - Missoula
Public Library |
| Nov 16 | National Young Reader's Day |
| Nov 18 | Advisory Council Meeting |

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